

Appl. No. 10/036,308

Amendment dated June 24, 2004

Reply to Advisory Action dated May 20, 2004 and Office Action dated December 24, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed an Advisory Action dated May 20, 2004 and an Office Action dated December 24, 2003. By way of response, Applicants have amended claims 5 and 6. No new matter is presented. Claims 4-6 and 9-13 are pending. Applicants submit that the pending claims are supported by the specification.

For the reasons given below, Applicants submit that the amended and newly presented claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Petition for Extension of Time

It is noted that a further two-month petition for extension of time is necessary to provide for the timeliness of the response. A request for such an extension is made extending the time for response to June 24, 2004. Applicants have previously extended the time for response to April 24, 2004.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner suggested clarifying the claim to state measuring the amount of the substance. Amended claims 5 and 6 now recite "measuring the amount of the detectable substance".

Accordingly, it is believed that the amended claims fully comply with § 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Summary

In summary, Applicants submit that each of claims 4-6 and 9-13 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the

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telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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